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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19-59 and add new claims 60-77 as follows:

1-59 (canceled)

60. (New) A method for controlling the obtaining of service from a management server, comprising:

providing an indicator on a client, the indicator signifying whether a previous boot up of the client was to the management server;

checking, by a first mechanism, the indicator at a boot up of the client; and

changing, by a second mechanism, a boot sequence on the client if the indicator signifies that the previous boot up of the client was to the management server.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the indicator includes a flag in basic input/output system (BIOS) of the client.

62. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the indicator includes a counter.

63. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the checking and the changing are performed in basic input/output system (BIOS) of the client.

64. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the changing the boot sequence includes ordering a local computer-readable medium before a remote management server in the boot sequence.

65. (New) The method of claim 60, further including setting, in accordance with the changing the boot sequence, the indicator to specify that a previous boot up of the client was not to the management server.

66. (New) The method of claim 60, further including setting, by a remote computer, the boot sequence on the client, the setting the boot sequence including ordering a remote management server before a local computer-readable medium in the boot sequence.

67. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the management server includes a preboot execution environment (PXE) server.

68. (New) A system for controlling the obtaining of service from a management server, comprising:

an indicator configured to signify whether a previous boot up of a client was to the management server;

a checking mechanism configured to check the indicator at a boot up of the client; and

a changing mechanism configured to change a boot sequence on the client if the indicator signifies that the previous boot up of the client was to the management server.

69. (New) The system of claim 68, wherein the indicator includes a flag in

basic input/output system (BIOS) of the client.

70. (New) The system of claim 68, wherein the checking mechanism and the changing mechanism are implemented in basic input/output system (BIOS) of the client.

71. (New) The system of claim 68, wherein the changing mechanism is configured to order a local computer-readable medium before the remote management server in the boot sequence.

72. (New) The system of claim 68, further including a setting mechanism configured to set, in accordance with the changing by the changing mechanism, the indicator to specify that a previous boot up of the client was not to a management server.

73. (New) The system of claim 68, further including a boot sequence setting mechanism residing on a remote computer and configured to order a remote management server before a local computer-readable medium in the boot sequence on the client.

74. (New) The system of claim 68, wherein the management server includes a preboot execution environment (PXE) server.

75. (New) A computer-readable medium encoded with a plurality of

processor-executable instruction sequences for:

providing an indicator on a client, the indicator signifying whether a previous boot up of the client was to a management server;

checking, by a first mechanism, the indicator at a boot up of the client; and

changing, by a second mechanism, a boot sequence on the client if the indicator signifies that the previous boot up of the client was to the management server.

76. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 75, wherein the indicator includes a flag in basic input/output system (BIOS) of the client.

77. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 75, wherein the changing the boot sequence includes ordering a local computer-readable medium before the management server in the boot sequence.

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